

New Hampshire Site Evaluation Committee
Pamela G. Monroe, Administrator
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Subject: Northern Pass Transmission-Eversource
SEC Docket No. 2015-06

Dear Ms. Monroe:

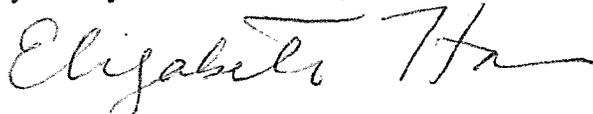
I am writing to express my strong objection to allowing the Northern Pass to be built across New Hampshire. I am particularly opposed to this project if it is not completely buried. It is my understanding that a viable plan to bury the entire route has been proposed, and deserves serious consideration.

The northern part of the state, which is my home, has a very fragile economy, devastated by declining logging and paper industry in the area. To compensate, we have only the natural beauty, and the remoteness and wildness of the area to draw tourists, fishermen, campers, hikers, skiers and snowmobilers. The impact of the Northern Pass, including the extremely prominent towers, but also the scarring of the landscape which construction would entail, would have a severely negative impact on the environment which is our most valuable asset.

The Northern Pass offers only a fleeting surge of temporary employment, and vague promises that somehow energy bills will be reduced. Promises without guarantees are easy to make. The damage done by the huge, ugly and very obtrusive towers would be significant and irreparable. The permanent harmful consequences far outweigh the questionable benefits.

Many of those whose livelihoods would be put at risk by Northern Pass are already living in poverty. Most of them are unlikely to write letters or emails to express their concerns, and may not have the time, energy or skills to inform themselves or give much thought to the implications of this project. A significant proportion of the North Country has little or no Internet access. Northern Pass may seem appealing to the more densely populated southern counties of New Hampshire, who would seldom or never see it or be affected by it. I would hope those of us who would have to live with it can make our voices heard.

Thank you for your consideration,



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